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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The twenty-eighth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 29 April to 17 May 2002. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 29 April 2002 at 10 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 7, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the twenty-eighth session. In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its twenty-seventh session the Committee decided that a working group should meet for a period of one week prior to its twenty-eighth session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais Wilson, from 22 to 26 April 2002.

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

The twenty-eighth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairman of the Committee.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev.3), the five members of the Committee elected or re-elected at the Eighth Meeting of the States parties to the Convention on 28 November 2001 will make the following solemn declaration:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee against Torture honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

3. Election of the officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 18, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and rules 15 and 16 of the rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a chairman, three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda shall follow the election of officers when required under rule 15. In accordance with rule 9, during a session the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-eighth session, the Secretary-General had received, by 1 February 2002, the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

Estonia (CAT/C/16/Add.9)
Belgium (CAT/C/52/Add.2)
Moldova (CAT/C/32/Add.4)

Second periodic reports

Slovenia (CAT/C/43/Add.4)
Azerbaijan (CAT/C/59/Add.1)
Iceland (CAT/C/59/Add.2)
Turkey (CAT/C/20/Add.8)

Third periodic reports

Cyprus (CAT/C/54/Add.2)
Croatia (CAT/C/54/Add.3)
Colombia (CAT/C/39/Add.4)
New Zealand (CAT/C/49/Add.3)

Fourth periodic reports

Spain (CAT/C/55/Add.5)
Egypt (CAT/C/55/Add.6)
Greece (CAT/C/61/Add.1)

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to overdue reports as at 1 February 2002 is as follows:

State party	Date on which the report was due
Initial reports	
Uganda	25 June 1988
Togo	17 December 1988
Guyana	17 June 1989
Guinea	8 November 1990
Somalia	22 February 1991
Yemen	4 December 1992
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1993
Latvia	13 May 1993
Seychelles	3 June 1993
Cape Verde	3 July 1993
Cambodia	13 November 1993
Burundi	19 March 1994
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1994

State party	Date on which the report was due
Ethiopia	12 April 1995
Albania	9 June 1995
Chad	9 July 1995
Tajikistan	9 February 1996
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 1997
Lithuania	1 March 1997
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 1997
Malawi	10 July 1997
Honduras	3 January 1998
Kenya	22 March 1998
Bahrain	4 April 1999
Bangladesh	3 November 1999
Niger	3 November 1999
South Africa	8 January 2000
Burkina Faso	2 February 2000
Mali	27 March 2000
Turkmenistan	25 July 2000
Japan	29 July 2000
Mozambique	14 October 2000
Qatar	9 February 2001
Ghana	6 October 2001
Botswana	7 October 2001
Gabon	7 October 2001
Lebanon	3 November 2001

Second periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 1992
Belize	25 June 1992
Philippines	25 June 1992
Uganda	25 June 1992
Togo	17 December 1992
Guyana	17 June 1993
Brazil	27 October 1994
Guinea	8 November 1994
Somalia	22 February 1995
Romania	16 January 1996
Nepal	12 June 1996
Yugoslavia	9 October 1996
Estonia	19 November 1996
Yemen	4 December 1996
Jordan	12 December 1996
Monaco	4 January 1997
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1997
Benin	10 April 1997

State party	Date on which the report was due
Latvia	13 May 1997
Seychelles	3 June 1997
Cape Verde	3 July 1997
Cambodia	13 November 1997
Burundi	19 March 1998
Slovakia	27 May 1998
Antigua and Barbuda	17 August 1998
Costa Rica	10 December 1998
Sri Lanka	1 February 1999
Ethiopia	12 April 1999
Albania	9 June 1999
United States of America	19 November 1999
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11 December 1999
Namibia	27 December 1999
Republic of Korea	7 February 2000
Tajikistan	9 February 2000
Cuba	15 June 2000
Chad	8 July 2000
Republic of Moldova	27 December 2000
Côte d'Ivoire	16 January 2001
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16 April 2001
El Salvador	16 July 2001
Lithuania	1 March 2001
Kuwait	6 April 2001
Malawi	10 July 2001
Honduras	3 January 2002

Third periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 1996
Belize	25 June 1996
Bulgaria	25 June 1996
Cameroon	25 June 1996
France	25 June 1996
Philippines	25 June 1996
Senegal	25 June 1996
Uganda	25 June 1996
Uruguay	25 June 1996
Austria	27 August 1996
Togo	17 December 1996
Ecuador	28 April 1997
Guyana	17 June 1997
Turkey	31 August 1997
Tunisia	22 October 1997
Chile	29 October 1997

State party	Date on which the report was due
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14 June 1998
Australia	6 September 1998*
Algeria	11 October 1998
Brazil	27 October 1998
Guinea	8 November 1998
Somalia	22 February 1999
Malta	12 October 1999
Germany	30 October 1999
Liechtenstein	1 December 1999
Romania	16 January 2000
Nepal	12 June 2000
Venezuela	27 August 2000
Yugoslavia	9 October 2000
Estonia	19 November 2000
Yemen	4 December 2000
Jordan	12 December 2000
Monaco	4 January 2001
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 2001
Benin	10 April 2001
Latvia	13 May 2001
Seychelles	3 June 2001
Cape Verde	3 July 2001
Cambodia	13 November 2001
Czech Republic	31 December 2001
Mauritius	7 January 2002

Fourth periodic reports

Afghanistan	25 June 2000
Argentina	25 June 2000
Belarus	25 June 2000
Belize	25 June 2000
Bulgaria	25 June 2000
Cameroon	25 June 2000
France	25 June 2000
Hungary	25 June 2000
Mexico	25 June 2000
Philippines	25 June 2000
Russian Federation	25 June 2000
Senegal	25 June 2000
Switzerland	25 June 2000
Uganda	25 June 2000
Uruguay	25 June 2000

* Requested by the Committee for November 2004.

State party	Date on which the report was due
Canada	23 July 2000
Austria	27 August 2000
Panama	22 September 2000
Luxembourg	28 October 2000
Togo	17 December 2000
Colombia	6 January 2001
Ecuador	28 April 2001
Guyana	17 June 2001
Peru	5 August 2001
Turkey	31 August 2001
Tunisia	22 October 2001
Chile	29 October 2001
China	2 November 2001
Netherlands	19 January 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	6 January 2002

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the twenty-eighth session, prepared by the Secretary-General and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tuesday, 30 April 2002

10 a.m.	Sweden: fourth periodic report	CAT/C/55/Add.3

Wednesday, 1 May 2002

10 a.m.	Uzbekistan: second periodic report	CAT/C/53/Add.1
3 p.m.	Sweden: replies	

Thursday, 2 May 2002

10 a.m.	Denmark: fourth periodic report	CAT/C/55/Add.2
3 p.m.	Uzbekistan: replies	

Friday, 3 May 2002

10 a.m.	Venezuela: second periodic report	CAT/C/33/Add.5
3 p.m.	Denmark: replies	

Monday, 6 May 2002

10 a.m.	Norway: fourth periodic report	CAT/C/55/Add.4
3 p.m.	Venezuela: replies	

Tuesday, 7 May 2002

10 a.m.	Luxembourg: third periodic report	CAT/C/34/Add.14
3 p.m.	Sweden: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Norway: replies	

Wednesday, 8 May 2002

10 a.m.	Saudi Arabia: initial report	CAT/C/42/Add.2
3 p.m.	Uzbekistan: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Luxembourg: replies	

Friday, 10 May 2002

3 p.m.	Denmark: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Saudi Arabia: replies	

Monday, 13 May 2002

10 a.m.	Russian Federation: third periodic report	CAT/C/34/Add.15
3 p.m.	Venezuela: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Norway: conclusions and recommendations	

Tuesday, 14 May 2002

3 p.m.	Russian Federation: replies	

Wednesday, 15 May 2002

3 p.m.	Luxembourg: conclusions and recommendations	
3.30 p.m.	Saudi Arabia: conclusions and recommendations	

Thursday, 16 May 2002

3 p.m. Russian Federation: conclusions and recommendations

8. Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item information which is, or appears to be, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 72 and 73 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention shall be confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article shall be closed.

9. Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are, or appear to be, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 101, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

10. Action by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-eighth session

Under this item, the Committee will have before it the relevant resolutions and/or decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-eighth session.

11. Annual report of the Committee on its activities

In accordance with article 24 of the Convention, the Committee shall submit an annual report on its activities to the States parties and to the General Assembly.

At its second session, the Committee decided to adopt its annual report at the end of its spring session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly during the same calendar year. Accordingly, the annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session will include the activities of the Committee at its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions.

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